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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/4/01.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2.5.7</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Toba, US Patent #6438392 B1, "Absence Reception Information Device And Absence Reception Information Method For Folding Portable Cellular Phone," (hereafter Toba).

Regarding claim 1, Toba discloses a cellular phone capable of displaying an in-absence incoming call message on a display if a user of said cellular phone does not answer an incoming call, said cellular phone comprising:

a timer for starting counting, at the same time as the in-absence incoming a call message is displayed, a preselected period of time set therein beforehand;

and reporting means for alerting the user to the incoming call when said timer counts up the preselected period of time [column 4: lines 28-31, column 6: lines 26-31].

Regarding claim 2, Toba discloses the cellular phone of claim 1 further comprising canceling means for canceling the in-absence incoming call message when the user answers the incoming call before said timer counts up the preselected period of time [figure 4: reference S5].

Regarding claim 7, Toba discloses a cellular phone capable of displaying an in-absence incoming call message on a display if a user of said cellular phone does not answer an incoming call, said cellular phone comprising:

a timer for starting counting, at the same time as the in-absence incoming a call message is displayed, a preselected period of time set therein beforehand;

reporting means for alerting the user to the incoming call when said timer counts up the preselected period of time;

and repeating means for repeatedly alerting the user to the incoming call by repeatedly reporting said incoming call and repeatedly counting the preselected period of time [column 4: lines 28-31, column 6: lines 26-31, figure 4: references S10-S15].

Regarding claims 8-9, Toba discloses a cellular phone as claimed in claim 7, further comprising canceling means for canceling a report, or repetition of a report of the in-absence incoming call when the user answers the incoming call before said time counts up the preselected period of time [figure 4: references S15 and S12].

Regarding claims 3-6 and 10-11, Toba discloses reporting means comprising a vibrator [figure 3: reference 15], speaker [figure 3: reference 16], or light emitting diode [figure 3: reference 9].

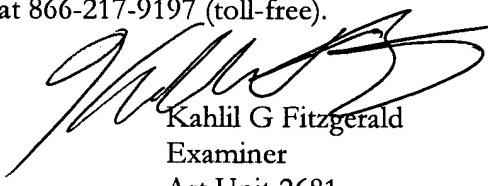
Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: US Patent #6618470 B2, "Portable Communication Terminal Providing Excitative Indication Service For Incoming Call Reaching In Absence Of User's Attention, Method for Producing Excitative Indication And Computer Program For The Method."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kahlil G Fitzgerald whose telephone number is (703) 308-0123. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Erika Gary can be reached on (703) 308-0123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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